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Senior General Than Shwe sends UN Day message

Global partnership for development most significant and integral strategy to level-out uneven progress

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The following is the full text of the UN Day message sent by Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the Sixty-third Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

On the Sixty-third Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, we, as a Member State, are greatly pleased to commemorate this significant occasion and renew our pledges. As United Nations reaches its Sixty-third Anniversary, the world is confronted with contemporary challenges like climate change, global food crisis and energy security.

Since the 13th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007, the international community is gaining momentum in taking a firm response to the pressing issues of climate

change which is causing negative constraints on global development. Despite the increasing awareness of all citizens of the world in countering its potential threat, more concerted efforts and effective measures are apparently still in need to mitigate it. It should be noted at this point that the measures should be conducive to the ongoing economic development of individual country so as to ensure the sustainability of their economic growth.

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China-ASEAN expos boost bilateral cooperation in many sectors between PRC and ASEAN Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor calls on Prime Minister General Thein Sein



PM General Thein Sein receives Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao at Liguan Resort in Nanning. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor Mr Ma Biao of the People's Republic of China at No. 17 hall of Liguan Resort in Nanning on 22 October morning.

Also present at the call were Maj-Gen Maung Shein of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister

for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, the director-general of the Government Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu, Member of the Party Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Shen Bei Hai, the General Secretary of the Party Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Director-General Mme Fan Xiaoli of Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi Zhuang Auto-

nous Region.

In the discussions, Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao said that the PRC and Myanmar are good neighbours and there is a great deal of economic cooperation between the two countries. In the past, their region made less progress but at present it has become a region that is making rapid progress as economic cooperation with ASEAN has been introduced. They are striving for the region to make more progress under the policy on establishment of the south-west economic development zone.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance cooperation in economic and trade sectors of Myanmar and PRC

At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein on 20 October arrived in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China to attend the 5th China-ASEAN Expo and the 5th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held there.

During his visit, the Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Wang Qishan at the Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning on 21 October.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said it was his belief that economic cooperation between China and ASEAN as well as between China and Myanmar will be further strengthened, and that the China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit will strengthen economic cooperation between China and ASEAN by establishing a free trade area.

Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Wang Qishan said that for more than 50 years there had been a lot of changes in the international relations, but no changes in the relations between the PRC and Myanmar; that the Myanmar government and the people alone can address their internal affairs on self-reliant basis; and that the Chinese government opposes any forms of alien interference in the Myanmar's internal affairs.

Myanmar and the PRC share border and the peoples of the two countries have interrelations since yore. Myanmar supports One-China Policy and always considers Taiwan as an inseparable part of China.

Therefore, the two countries could further strengthen cooperation not only in political sector but also in economic and trade sectors.

We firmly believe that the visit of Prime Minister General Thein Sein to the PRC would further strengthen mutual friendship and cooperation in economic and trade sectors of the two countries.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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It is also alarming to note that the number of hungry people have been constantly increasing worldwide due to high food prices. Food scarcity is gradually becoming a contributing factor in pushing poor people into extreme poverty. All Member States should join hands in implementing the counter-measures under the guidance of the United Nations, as developing countries are more vulnerable to the impact of soaring food prices.

Today, energy has also become an issue in economic development of the Member States. Global energy security is now threatened to the point that all industries and business worldwide can no longer rely on the natural fossil fuel.

This particular trend is urging countries to speed up their efforts in search of all possible alternative energy sources.

In the face of such challenges, fulfilling the commitments on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is of paramount importance for all Member States. Being at the half way point

towards the deadline for the realization of the MDGs, progress has been made uneven across individual goals and across regions. In order to level-out the uneven progress, global partnership for development is the most significant and integral strategy.

At this juncture, we welcome the United Nations' success made towards the global goal of halving extreme poverty by the year 2015. It is our conviction to be a part in building up further progress by scaling up our action. In view of equitable development among the Member States, the United Nations would need to explore a more coherent and reinvigorated approach.

As the most universal and most representative organization in the world, the United Nations would inevitably play the central role in addressing the current global challenges.

On this auspicious occasion, let me reiterate our common commitments to the United Nations and wish further success to the United Nations in carrying out its noble cause for the mankind.

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Development work inspected in Laikha, Panglong, Loilem

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Commander Brig-Gen Yar Pyae on 22 October met servicemen and family members and presented medicines and sports gear to them at Laikha Station hall.

They viewed thriving five acres monsoon paddy plantation near Phwehaing Village of Laikha Township.

Next, they visited Panglong University. At University of Computer Studies (Panglong), Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met Acting Principal Dr Saw Thanda Myint and faculty members.



At Loilem District Myanmar Agriculture Service Office, they met departmental officials.

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Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence visits Panglong University.

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Respect paying ceremony of No 1 BEHS (Insein) on 21 Dec

YANGON, 24 Oct — Coordination meeting was held at the hall of No. 1 Basic Education High School in Insein on 14 September to hold respect paying ceremony arranged by the old students of the state high school and No. 1 BEHS (Insein). Those presents decided to hold the ceremony at the hall of No. 1 BEHS (Insein) on 21 December.

The meeting will be held at the school hall of

No. 1 BEHS (Insein) every Sunday in order to successfully organize the ceremony. The old students are invited to attend the gathering.

The old students may make contact with U Ba Htay (Ph-640094), U Tint Sein Phu (Ph-643974), U Saw Pyi Thein (Ph-643763), Daw Khin Hla Thein (No 1 BEHS, Insein) and Daw Aye Aye Than (No 1 BEHS, Insein).—NLM

French minister opposes Georgia, Ukraine entry to NATO

STRASBOURG, 24 Oct — France's minister for European affairs on Wednesday said he was opposed to Georgia and Ukraine entering the NATO military alliance for now because it would not benefit Europe.

"I think that it is not the right time for membership for Georgia and Ukraine," Jean-Pierre Jouyet said on the sidelines of a European Parliament session.

"It is not in the interests of Europe or its relations with Russia."

NATO foreign ministers are in December set to once again examine Georgia and Ukraine's candidacy for membership, strongly denounced by Moscow.

While Jouyet said he was expressing his personal opinion, he in fact confirmed a view repeatedly expressed by Paris.

Along with Germany, France has been reluctant to take the two ex-Soviet states into the alliance and draw the wrath of Russia, which has made it clear it would regard such a move as something close to a hostile action by NATO.

Internet



Iraqis stand in front of their house as US soldiers search the house for weapons in a village near Baquba in Diyala Province, some 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET



Croatian police investigate the crime scene of car bomb blast in central Zagreb, on 23 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET

Car bomb in Croatia kills two journalists

ZAGREB, 24 Oct — A car bomb killed two journalists in central Zagreb on Thursday in the latest of a series of violent incidents that have hit the capital this year.

President Stjepan Mesic said the blast, which killed Nacional weekly editor Ivo Pukanic, 47, and a Nacional manager, meant "terrorism has become a fact on the streets of our capital."

The bomb exploded in front of the Nacional building in central Zagreb and state television showed footage of the wrecked car, under which the bomb was apparently planted.

The Zagreb police, who confirmed the identity of the victims, sealed off the city centre while firemen rushed to the scene to extinguish the resulting car fire.

Internet

Nigerian troops kill two militants in restive oil region

LAGOS, 24 Oct — Nigerian troops killed two militants in a river clash with insurgents in the volatile oil-rich Niger Delta, an army spokesman said Friday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Musa Sagir told AFP two AK 47 rifles and ammunitions were recovered from the militants during the clash on boats off Cawthorn channel off Bonny island on Thursday.

He said the Nigerian army, which is deployed to protect key oil facilities, suffered no casualties.

Last week, one soldier was wounded when government troops clashed with militants around the Bonny river, where there is a multi-billion-dollar natural liquefied gas plant. Since the beginning of 2006, militant attacks have cut Nigeria's oil output by more than one quarter. Production currently veers between 1.8 and two million barrels a day against 2.6 million barrels a day two years ago.—Internet

Australian food companies agree not to push junk on kids

SYDNEY, 24 Oct — Major Australian food and drink manufacturers Friday agreed not to advertise junk food during children's television programmes, as they face growing public pressure about childhood obesity.

The Australian Food and Grocery Council's voluntary code commits companies to directly targeting children under 12 only when it promotes healthy dietary choices and lifestyles. But the code, which is supported by some 150 companies accounting for 80 percent of Australian sales in highly processed food and drink sectors, will not include hamburger giant McDonald's and competitor KFC. The council said the new rules will apply to all television, radio, print, cinema and internet advertising as well as the use of licensed cartoon and other characters aimed at children.—Internet



A child at a Sydney fast food outlet. Major Australian food and drink manufacturers Friday agreed not to advertise junk food during children's television programs, as they face growing public pressure about childhood obesity.—INTERNET



A boy who was wounded in a bomb attack lies in a hospital in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Three insurgents killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Oct — The US-led coalition says its troops have killed three insurgents and detained four others during a raid in eastern Afghanistan.

The coalition says in a statement they killed the insurgents after a firefight in Paktika Province on Thursday.

The statement says they were targeting an insurgent leader involved in facilitating the movement of foreign fighters and weapons throughout eastern Afghanistan.—Internet

Online divorcee jailed after killing virtual hubby

TOKYO, 24 Oct — A 43-year-old Japanese woman whose sudden divorce in a virtual game world made her so angry that she killed her online husband's digital persona has been arrested on suspicion of hacking, police said on Thursday.

The woman, who is jailed on suspicion of illegally accessing a computer and manipulating electronic data, used his identification and password to log onto popular interactive game "Maple Story" to carry out the virtual murder in mid-May, a police official in northern Sapporo said on condition of anonymity, citing department policy. "I was suddenly divorced, without a word of warning. That made me so angry," the official quoted her as telling investigators and admitting the allegations.—Internet



A girl holds a feeding bottle while waiting with her family to receive humanitarian supplies from the Red Crescent, in a church in Baghdad on 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

China, Germany vow to push ahead healthy bilateral ties



Chinese President Hu Jintao meets on Friday morning with German Chancellor Angela Merkel who is in Beijing to pay an official visit to China and to attend the seventh summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) scheduled for on 24 to 25 Oct.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 24 Oct.— Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Friday morning that the Chinese side is willing to join hands with Germany to treat and deal with bilateral ties from a “strategic and long-term” point of view, and further push forward a healthy Sino-German relationship. While meeting with

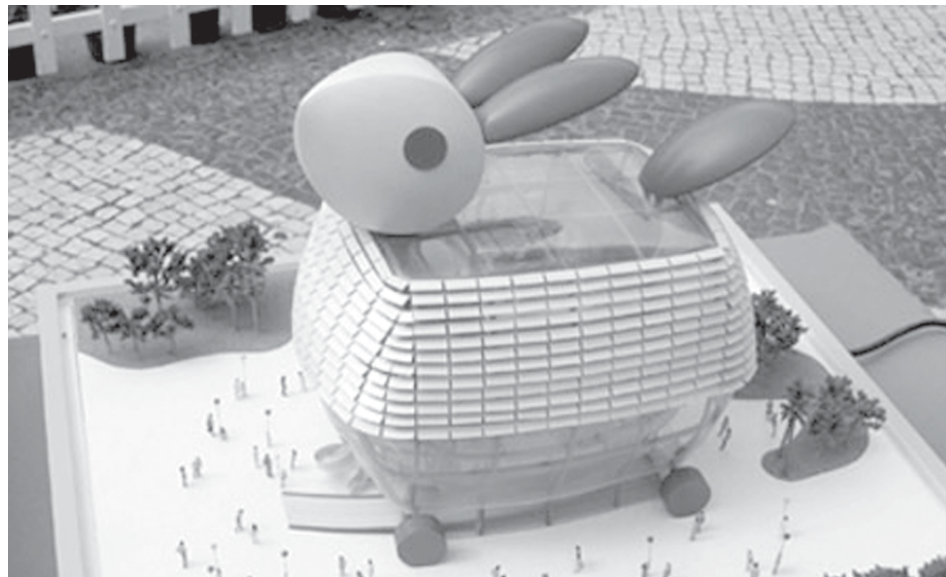
German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Hu said the relationship between China and German is progressing forward in a sound way, with the bilateral economic and trade ties expanding rapidly, despite challenges of the current global financial crisis.

Hu stressed that the good developing momen-

tum of Sino-German relationship is hard-earned and should be treasured by both sides.

He noted that China sees Germany as an important cooperative partner, and recognizes the important role of Germany in European and international affairs. Although China and Germany have different domestic conditions, they share wide-ranging and important common interests.

Xinhua



The Macau Pavilion at Shanghai World Expo will take the shape of a jade rabbit lantern and it will change colours to present a mythological world. The design was inspired by rabbit lanterns popular during the Mid-autumn Festival in south China in ancient times.—XINHUA

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Cuba, EU re-establish cooperative ties

HAVANA, 24 Oct.— Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque and European Commissioner of Development and Humanitarian Aid, Louis Michel, signed a declaration on Thursday to restore the bilateral cooperation at the headquarters of the Cuban Foreign Ministry in Havana.

During the meeting both sides hailed the restoration of the bilateral ties, which are based on the principle of reciprocal

and non-discriminatory treatment, with respect for each other’s sovereignty.

Michel said he was pleased with the agreement, and reaffirmed the European Union (EU)’s intentions to strengthen ties with Cuba.

He also announced an emergency aid worth 2 million euros (2.6 million US dollars) to help Cuba recover from hurricanes Gustav and Ike, which have produced more than 5 billion dollars in losses.—Xinhua



Mongolian singer K Nominjin poses for photos in vegetable-made garment to promote the vegetarianism for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia, on 23 Oct, 2008. XINHUA

Dancers perform during a performance called “The Night of Southeast Asia”, which is a part of the Nanning International Folk Song Arts Festival, in Nanning, capital of southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 23 Oct, 2008. XINHUA

China’s family planning policy benefits country, world

BEIJING, 24 Oct — China’s family planning policy, which began about 30 years ago, has benefited the country and the world at large, said Li Bin, director of the National Population and Family Planning Commission.

She made the statement at a population and development forum here on Thursday.

In broad terms, the

policy limits one child to one family, especially in cities.

Li said it has helped control the country’s population growth and reduce its fertility rate to 1.8 children per woman in 2008 from 5.8 children three decades ago.

“China’s per capita GDP reached 2,400 US dollars in 2007,” Li said. “Without the policy, that figure, according to official calculations, would have been 1,800 US dollars.”

Besides, if not for the population control, the country’s resources and environment would face even heavier pressure, as its per capita arable land, grain, forest, water and energy would decrease by 20 percent, she added.

Family planning also helped improve the standard of living in China.

Xinhua

Italian helicopter crash in France kills eight

PARIS, 24 Oct — An Italian military helicopter crashed in France’s eastern province of Meuse on Thursday, killing all the eight people on board, said French police officials.

The helicopter fell down Thursday afternoon in a field far from residential zones and burst into flames. French firefighters arrived at the spot in no time, but none of the eight aboard survived, the officials said.

According to the Italian defence ministry, the aircraft, a HH3F model, was to join a France-Italy military drill in France. Preliminary investigation showed that the weather condition was good when the accident occurred.—Xinhua

Five bomb explosions injure 11 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 24 Oct.— Five bomb explosions injured at least 11 people in the Colombian capital of Bogota on Thursday, where a workers’ strike was underway, police said.

Senior security officer General Rodolfo Palomino told Xinhua, “There are 11 injured people. Fortunately, none of them are in grave conditions.”

“We need to warn the citizens not to get close to

public garbage bins, because all explosive devices were put in them,” Palomino added.

The police said the bombs contained 200-500 grams of explosives, and one explosion occurred near the Peruvian embassy.

The police said they were trying to find out whether the explosions were related to the ongoing strike, which began in

the morning to demand higher salaries and better working conditions.

Rafael Perez, who luckily escaped the attack, told Xinhua, “I survived by some miracle. I left the spot seconds after the explosion.”

The injured have been taken to hospitals, while the police cordoned off the explosion sites to investigate the attacks.

Xinhua



Brazil's direct foreign investment reaches one-year high in September

BRASILIA, 24 Oct— Brazil's direct foreign investment reached 6.258 billion US dollars in September, the highest so far this year, the country's Central Bank said Thursday. The direct foreign investment has reached 30.834 billion dollars so far this year, compared with 27.982 billion dollars of the same period in 2007. But in the first three weeks of October, it was only 3 billion dollars.

Chief of the Central Bank's economic department Altamir Lopes said the reduction of the foreign investment in October was normal, and there was not an interruption of the investment flow despite the world financial crisis.

Internet

Indonesian steel companies suffer from global economic woes

JAKARTA, 24 Oct—Some Indonesian steel companies are considering cutting employment due to steel price falling on the international markets and the rampant illegal import, the Indonesian Business daily reported on Friday.

In the past three months, Indonesia's steel companies saw the steel price fall by 36.5 percent.

The declined purchasing power, the tight liquidity, and the suspended projects of infrastructure, which were resulted from the global financial crisis, caused big losses for Indonesian steel companies, said the report.

Internet

Obama's fundraising drops as McCain's cash dwindles



Republican presidential candidate Sen John McCain, R-Ariz., addresses supporters during a rally on Florida campaign bus trip in Sarasota, Fla, Thursday afternoon, 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct— Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's fundraising clip slowed down in October to about a half of his torrid September pace even as he increased his spending to record levels.

Obama reported raising \$36 million for his campaign during the first two weeks of October. He spent more than \$105

million during that same period, a pace that would more than double his spending from September.

The Illinois senator shattered records and dumbfounded Republicans and Democrats by raising \$150 million in September. One-fifth of the September amount came from a joint victory fund that divides proceeds with the Democratic Party. His

October report showed no share from the victory fund even though it raised about \$27 million during the same October period. But as the election nears, both Obama and rival John McCain saw their cash on hand dwindle. Obama had nearly \$66 million in the bank at the end of the two week period. The Democratic National Committee and the joint victory fund reported combined cash on hand of \$31 million.

Internet

Hyundai Motors third-quarter net profit falls 37.8%

SEOUL, 24 Oct— Hyundai Motor announced that its third-quarter net profit plummeted 37.8 percent from a year earlier, as the global financial turmoil and fears of recession hurt auto sales worldwide, the Korea times reported Friday.

South Korea's No 1

carmaker said it earned 264.8 billion won (188.1 million US dollars) during the July-September period, down from 425.4 billion won (4.61 million US dollars) in the same period last year. Sales during the quarter also dipped to 6.5 trillion won (4.6 million US dollars), down 14.5 percent from a year ago, while the operating profit plunged 70.7 percent on-year to 104.4 billion won (74.2 million US dollars), the company said. To offset the disappointing outcome in the third quarter Hyundai plans to increase sales by focusing on selling small- and medium sized models and starting mass production at the new plant in the Czech Republic.—Internet

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on United Nations Day

(24 October 2008)

On this 63rd anniversary of our Organization, I join you in celebrating UN Day. This is a crucial year in the life of our United Nations. We have just passed the midpoint in the struggle to reach the Millennium Development Goals — our common vision for building a better world in the 21st century. We can see more clearly than ever that the threats of the 21st century spare no one. Climate change, the spread of disease and deadly weapons, and the scourge of terrorism all cross borders. If we want to advance the global common good, we must secure global public goods.

Many countries are still not on track to reach the Millennium Development Goals by the target date of 2015. I am also deeply concerned about the impact of the global financial crisis. Never has leadership and partnership been more important.

This makes our success at the high-level MDG event in September all the more remarkable. We brought together a broad coalition for change. Governments, CEOs and civil society. We generated unprecedented commitment in pledges and partnerships to help the world's poor.

The final tally is not in yet, but the total amount pledged at the MDG event may exceed 16 billion dollars.

Partnership is the way of the future. Just look at the advances on malaria. Our global malaria effort has brought us within range of containing a disease that kills a child every 30 seconds. It is doing so through focused country planning. Greater funding. Coordinated global management. Top-notch science and technology. We need models like these to tackle other challenges, including climate change, as we approach the conferences on Poznan and Copenhagen. We need them to achieve all the other Millennium Development Goals.

Let us keep building on this as a way forward. There is no time to lose. The United Nations must deliver results for a safer, healthier, more prosperous world. On this UN Day, I call on all partners and leaders to do their part and keep the promise. — UNIC

Acrobats perform during a preview for the upcoming 8th Wuhan International Acrobatics Festival in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on 20 Oct, 2008. INTERNET



Eight dead in Pakistan missile attack

ISLAMABAD, 24 Oct—Suspected drone missile attacks killed eight people in a theology school in a Taliban-stronghold village in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region. CNN, quoting military sources, reported two missiles were fired from the drone during the Thursday attack in which six others were injured.

The region is where veteran Taliban leader Jalaluddin Haqqani is suspected to be holed up. The BBC, quoting witnesses, reported the religious school is near the residence of Haqqani. The report said there was no comment from the United States about the attack but that the Pakistani army was investigating the incident.—Internet



An Iraqi soldier secures the area of a suicide bombing in Baghdad. Iraq took control of the central Shiite province of Babil from US forces, in what local officials said was further sign of security gains across the war-torn nation.—INTERNET

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The Central Government encourages the autonomous region to introduce economic cooperation with ASEAN. The combination of natural resources of Myanmar and technology of Guangxi Region could bring about common interest of the two nations.

He continued that the sites have been designated in Nanning for opening of consulates-general and Myanmar should thus strive for opening of its consulate-general as soon as possible.

He said that the Central Government held dis-

cussions with the Minister of Commerce and the Minister of Foreign Affairs for setting up of an ASEAN trade centre in China and for opening its branch office in Guangxi Region. Their region is actively taking part in regional cooperation like the Greater Mekong Sub-region Cooperation.

He went on to say that in his address at the Greater Mekong Sub-region Summit held in Laos in March, PRC Premier Mr Wen Jiabao proposed the project on construction of bio-gas tanks in ASEAN nations and the awarding of scholar-

ships to students of ASEAN nations. Thus, Myanmar could make arrangements for its students to pursue education at the universities in Guangxi Region.

They would like to cooperate mutually in the mining and tourism sectors since Myanmar is blessed with natural resources.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that at the ASEAN Summit held in 2003, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao proposed summits for China-ASEAN Expo and Business and Investment, and the 5th expo and summit was held this year.

China-ASEAN expos and summits have boosted

the cooperation in economic, trade, investment and tourism sectors between China and ASEAN and also underpinned the cooperation in information and communication technology sector.

It is expected that the expo and summit would boost the bilateral trade and investment. Business companies in Yunnan Province, China, have made investment in hydel power, mining, agriculture sectors in Myanmar. He invited businessmen in Guangxi Province, China, to invest in Myanmar. He expressed delight as he witnessed good relations and cooperation between China and Myanmar.—MNA

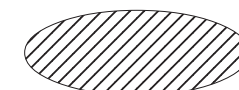


Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao at Liguang Resort in Nanning.—MNA



Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence inspects Kyangin Cement Plant in Kyangin.

MNA



Progress of rehabilitation work supervised in Pyapon, Dedaye

YANGON, 24 Oct— Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 20 October inspected repaving of Pyapon-Dedaye Road between mile posts 13 and 14 and maintenance work.

The minister viewed progress in construction of the school building at Layeingon Post-Primary

School donated by Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than and family.

Next, the minister looked into maintenance of the road section near Dedaye and repaving of the road. He viewed health care services being provided to local people at Chaungphyu Village rural health care branch in Dedaye Township. He also inspected the site for

construction of a health care centre. Afterwards, the minister viewed construction of microwave sub-station in Dedaye. At the office of Township Peace and Development Council, the minister met departmental officials and local people.

At BEPS in Yongyi Ward of Dedaye, the minister viewed learning of students at the classrooms.—MNA

Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspects Kyangin Cement Plant

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint, on 22 October inspected progress in constructing Nyaunggaing and Natmauk level crossings of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project in Padaung Township, Bago Division.

In the 35-mile Okshinpin-Kanmar railroad section, rails have been laid for 30 miles, so far.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party, together with Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman South-West Command Brig-Gen

Kyaw Swe, inspected Kyangin Cement Plant.

He held a meeting with departmental officials at the township PDC office, and viewed the progress of the town.

He also met with service personnel at Myanaung Township PDC office and at Myanaung oilfield.

Yesterday morning, Maj-Gen Ko Ko looked into the repairing of oil well No. 130 in Myanaung oilfield in Myanaung.

Next, he visited the model pepper plantation of farmer U Hla Shwe in Pyidawtha Village, and Myanaung natural-gas fired power station.

He inspected Kanyin Dam Project near Tatkon Village in Ingapu Township. Upon

completion, the earthen dam will be able to irrigate 25,000 acres of farmlands.

He had a meeting with service personnel at Ingapu Township Forest Department. He viewed the conditions of Ingapu-Laymyethna Road. He met departmental officials in Laymyethna Township PDC office.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected thriving paddy fields along Laymyethna-Ai-thabyu-Hinthada Road.

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ICT committee of F & R Ministry holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — A coordination meeting of the information and communication technology committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the ministry here on 21 October.

It was attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of

Myanmar U Than Nyein, managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments under the ministry.

The participants of the meeting discussed matters on use of communication technology in the financial services of the ministry and the meeting ended with concluding remarks of the minister. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits Nanning



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits International Chamber of Commerce Tower in Nanning. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials, arrived at International Chamber of Commerce Tower, the tallest building in Nanning, at 10 a.m. yesterday.

They were welcomed there by the officials concerned. The Prime Minister and party observed development of Nanning, modern buildings, Park and

People's Square, transport facilities, and Yong River from the 59th floor of the tower, which is 276 metres in height, and posed for documentary photo.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Lake Garden and observed flowering plants, greening and beautifying work, recreation centres for visitors and artificially created relaxation facilities for summertime vacationers, and posed for documentary photo there.

They arrived back at Liguan resort by car. And they proceeded to Nanning International

Airport to leave for Myanmar.

At the airport, the Prime Minister and party cordially greeted members of cultural troupe and folks, Permanent Committee Member of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Shen Bei Hai, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Deputy Head of Foreign Affairs Department of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Zhu Shuhua and officials.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw airport at 4.30 p.m. on the special flight.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Mr Shen Bei Hai, member of Permanent Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, at Nanning International Airport. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits Lake Garden in Nanning. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits site for construction of consulates-general, Myanmar trade representative office, Baqui Garden



Prime Minister General Thein Sein observes fruit and flowers at Ornamental Green House in Baqui Garden in Nanning. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party look into preservation of fruit, mushrooms and vegetables at Baqui Garden.—MNA

Technology Demonstration Center in Nanning. Director-General Mr Zhang Ming Pei of the Autonomous Region Agriculture Department and General Manager Mr Chen Zhang Qui welcomed them.

The Prime Minister and party viewed generating of electricity through bio-gas, use of natural fertilizer for fruit and flowers and herbal plants without soil at Ornamental Green House of the garden.

The Prime Minister party also looked into preservation of fruit, mushrooms and vegetables produced from the garden.

At Vegetable Nursery Planting Area, they viewed nurturing of saplings, supplying of water for seedlings, utilization of natural fertilizers.

The Prime Minister and party grew a flowery plant in the garden. The Prime Minister signed in the visitors' book and posed for documentary photo together with officials.

Later, the Prime Minister and Director-General Mr Zhang Ming Pei exchanged gifts.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein waters a flowery plant in the garden.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party, accompanied by Mr Shen Bei Hai, member of the Party Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and officials, arrived at the site for construction of Consulates-General in Nanning on 22 October.

They were welcomed by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Vice-Governor Mr Qian Xue Ming and officials.

The Vice-Governor reported on construction of consulates general of ASEAN member countries, the area of Myanmar Consulate-General and its design.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister viewed the design of the building.

At China-ASEAN International Commercial Zone, the Prime Minister inspected the plot for the building of Myanmar commercial representative and the design of the building.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Baqui Garden of Guangxi Modern Agriculture Science &



Cooperation with United Nations cornerstone of...

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At this juncture, allow me to make a few remarks on the work of the United Nations. One of the biggest challenges facing the United Nations today is how to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. We have now passed the midpoint to achieve the goals in 2015.

consistently cooperated with the United Nations in various fields. Myanmar's desire to cooperate with the United Nations is further demonstrated by the visits of senior United Nations officials to Myanmar. During this year, several senior United Nations officials visited Myanmar. Above all, we are honoured

and international assistance, we have been able to respond quickly to the needs of the people in affected areas. In this regard, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the United Nations and its specialized agencies, ASEAN members, our neighbouring countries, donor countries, NGOs and individuals that have provided much-needed relief supplies and other forms of assistance in a

globalization, the world is becoming a global village and facing diverse problems and daunting challenges. In facing the global challenges, no nation can act alone. We are therefore moving towards collective action on those matters under the leadership of the United Nations. Through the collective strength, the UN should and could do more for the benefits of mankind.

On this auspicious day, let us pledge ourselves once again to fully provide support and cooperation to the United Nations and its noble mission of working for the mankind.

Next, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu delivered the message from Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar. *(The message of the Senior General is stated separately.)*

The message from Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, was delivered by Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Mr. Bishow Parajuli.

(The message of the UN Secretary-General is stated separately.)

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of high school level essay competition to Maung Myo Aung Min, ninth grader from BEHS (2) Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Ma Mya Cherry, ninth grader from BEHS (2) Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Maung Si Thu, tenth grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, and Maung Nan Oo, ninth grader from BEHS (3) Nay Pyi Taw Lewe.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of middle school level essay competition to Ma Shwun Le' Kay Khaing, eighth grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Ma May Phu Mon, eighth grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, Maung Chan Hein, seventh grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organization shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Htay Lwin	Director-General Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(b) U Maung Myint	Director-General Population Department Ministry of Immigration and Population
(c) U Myint Htay	Managing Director Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise Ministry of Energy
(d) U Mya Thein	Director-General Supreme Court (Mandalay)

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Taw Pynmana, Maung Aung Myint Myat, seventh grader from BEMS (4) Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

Resident Coordinator of the UN System Mr Bishow Parajuli presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of primary school level painting competition to Ma Phu Pyae Sone Maung, fifth grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Ma Thiri, fifth grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Ma

Ami Moe, fifth grader from BEHS (1) Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana and Ma Su Sandi Kyaw, from BEHS (2) Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted diplomats led by the Vietnamese Ambassador, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the UN Resident Coordinator, and resident representatives of the UN agencies.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets diplomats led by the Vietnamese Ambassador, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the UN Resident Coordinator and resident representatives of the UN agencies. — MNA

Clearly, much more need to be done in terms of commitments by the developed countries to help the developing countries to achieve the internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals. For its part, I am pleased to say that Myanmar is making every endeavour, relying primarily on its national resources, to implement MDGs and also to bring about the improved living conditions for its people.

To date, there are a number of United Nations Agencies, which have offices in Myanmar including UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, WFP and WHO. These UN offices are helping Myanmar in her economic and social developments and their cooperation is growing year by year.

As a matter of fact, cooperation with the United Nations is the cornerstone of Myanmar's Foreign Policy. In this spirit, Myanmar has

by the visit of United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon in May 2008. Moreover, Under Secretary-General and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Gambari, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes, Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Dr Noeleen Heyzer and Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council Mr Thomas Ojea Quintana also visited Myanmar.

Now, let me turn to the climate change. In recent years, due to the global warming, powerful tropical storms have been striking many areas of the world. As you are aware, a very powerful Cyclone Nargis struck Yangon and Ayeaywady Divisions in early May this year on an unprecedented scale in our history. Because of the efforts of the Government and the people of Myanmar

timely manner.

Furthermore, we stepped up our relief and rehabilitation efforts by lending full cooperation with the ASEAN-led coordination mechanism called the Tripartite Core Group (TCG), which brings together the Government of Myanmar, the United Nations and the ASEAN.

I am pleased to state that the achievements attained by the TCG have been complimented thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Government of Myanmar, Myanmar public, the Tatmadaw (the Myanmar Armed Forces), Civil Society and the Myanmar Business Community. Let me express our appreciation to the TCG for its role in effectively coordinating the relief and recovery efforts between Myanmar and the international community and we believe that the mechanism will be able to lay down longer-term recovery plans too.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu reads out the message sent by Senior General Than Shwe.

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UN Coordinator Mr. Bishow Parajuli presents award to an outstanding student. — MNA

Sagaing Division presents Buridat Drama



Audience enjoying performance of Cho Tun drama troupe representing Sagaing Division. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The Buridat Drama Contest of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the Convocation Hall of the University of Veterinary Science here this evening.

The drama troupe representing Sagaing Division took part in the contest.

Among the audience were Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, members of the panel of judges (central), judges of States and Divisions and guests.

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Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions go on

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the ninth day at the designated places here today.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-

Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Secretary of leading committee Director-General U Sann Win of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library, Secretary of the work committee Director-General U Yan Naing Oo

of Fine Arts Department and members, subcommittee members, judges (central), judges of states and divisions, national races, contestants and people enjoyed the competitions.

Altogether 19 contestants took part in the amateur level (first class) women's and basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' classical song contests at the assembly hall of the University of Agriculture.

Four contestants competed in the Kwetseik contest at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science.

Eleven contestants participated in the higher education level men's and women's song composing contests at Ywa Taw No. 7 Transit Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

A total of 23 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-

10) boys' and (aged 5-10) and (aged 10-15) girls' mandolin contests at the assembly hall of Forest Research Department Division.

A total of 17 contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) men's and women's and basic education level (aged 5-10) and (aged 15-20) girls' and boys' harp contests at the lecture hall of the University of Agriculture.

A total of 11

troupe participated in the amateur level (first class) women's and basic education level (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls' orchestra (troupe) contests at the convocation hall of the University of Agriculture.

A total of 20 contestants took part in the amateur level (first class) women's and higher

education level men's and women's and basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' donmin contests at the assembly hall of Agriculture Research Department.

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Ma Nann Khin May Phu Han of Shan State takes part in Mandolin contest. — MNA

Ma Htet Lay Shwe of Yangon Division competes in Donmin contest. — MNA



UMFCCI officials meet Indian guest

YANGON, 24 Oct — Joint Secretary 2 U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of

Chambers of Commerce and Industry, CEC members and executives met Professor Dr Swapna

Bhattacharya of Maulana Abdul Kalan Azad Institute of Asian Studies from India at the UMFCCI

building on 17 October.

They discussed matters related to promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation on trade between the two countries. — MNA

UMFCCI officials hold discussions with Professor Dr Swapna Bhattacharya of India.
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Paper reading session on Organic Agriculture on 1 Nov

YANGON, 24 Oct — Under the supervision of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fisheries, Organic Crops Group of Myanmar Fruit and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association will organize a paper reading session on Strategies and Approaches for Promotion of Organic Agriculture in Myanmar at the building of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Min Ye Kyaw Swa street in Lanmadaw Township here on 1 November.

Scholars of EM Technology will take part in the paper reading session. Every one may participate in the session. — MNA

Chindwin Bridge linking Sagaing Division and Chin State

Article by Zaw Win (Kyemon) :Photos by Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

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Before the project, the Chindwin River was a natural barrier to the trip from Sagaing Division to Chin State. The distance of YeU-Daze-Thekkekyin Road between Monywa to Kalewa is 160 miles. Motorized boats had to deal with difficulties to run from Kaingywa jetty to the western bank of the Chindwin River. In consequence, the commodity flow in the region was slow and the transport was poor, and the region lagged behind other regions in development.

The purpose of the bridge project is to link Sagaing Division with Chin State and help create the shortest road section leading to the border

regional development.

Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) is located on Monywa-Ahlon-Yagyi-Myoma-Kalewa-Kale



Now, we can travel by bicycle at any time. I thank the government for the bridge (U Htay Lwin of Si Laung Village in Yinmabin Township.)

Road near Mindaunt port beyond mile post No. 89/6 of Monywa-YeU Road.

The 4730.18-foot-long facility has a 28-foot-wide motorway and two six-foot-wide walkways on it. It can withstand 60

Monywa to sell their goods of toddy-palm frond armchairs.

Ko Htay Lwin, one of the eight, said, "I am from

Si Laung Village in Yinmabin Township. Our village is about eight miles west of the river. Before the bridge was constructed, we had to cross the river by Z-craft from Nyaungbingyi jetty. Then

the government for the bridge."

Ko Myo said, "The benefit I like best is that we can cross the river on foot. We can do it several



It is a tangible evidence that surrounding areas are enjoying development. The bridge has been built in less than 10 years. I think the regions will be able to enjoy greater development after 10 years. (U Soe Thein Tun, merchant)

traveler. He said, "I come back from Kale. I am U Soe Thein Tun. I am a merchant. In the past, I had to cross the river from the port in Kaing Village.

Kale line.

We then interviewed two drivers of two buses from Mandalay-Monywa-Pale-Mindaingbin line. Ko Kyaw Khaing of Dollar Bus Line said that he had served as a driver for the bus line for about three years; that he had enjoyed a lot of benefits from the bridge; that in the past, buses were carried by Z-craft to cross the river and it took a long time and it was risky; that buses could not cross the river whenever the weather was bad; and that he would have to pass North Yamar Bridge after passing that bridge."

U Maung Ko of Gon Myint Thu Bus Line said that he had to drive from Mandalay to Mindaingbin through Monywa, Pale and Kyatet; that in the past he had to wait for a long time at Nyaungbingyi jetty to cross the river; that he could not cross the river when the weather was bad; and difficulties were no more due to the bridge. Before the bus left, I put a question to the passengers, "Well, ladies and gentlemen, I hope it is convenient for you to cross the river thanks to the bridge?" Before I completed my question, there were many enthusiastic replies of more than 40 passengers: "Yes", "Certainly", "Yes, it is".

In the morning, the bridge was coping with a steady flow of traffic of motorcycles and buses from many bus lines such as Mandalay-Monywa-Pale line, Mandalay-Monywa-Gangaw line, Mandalay-Monywa-Pale-Salingyi line, and Mandalay-Monywa-Kalewa-

Translation: MS Kyemon: 22-10-2008



Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) copes with a constant flow of traffic at any time.

with India. Monywa-Yagyi-Kale Road is 115 miles long, 45 miles shorter than the old one. So, the facility will contribute towards promotion of border trade and

tons loads. On the bridge, we came cross a group of eight vendors who were on their way by bicycle from Yinmabin Township in the western bank of the Chindwin River to

we had to carry our products on our shoulders. We faced a lot of difficulties to travel to Monywa. We could not travel at night. Now, we can travel by bicycle at any time. I thank

times in a day. That's good. I thank the government very much."

Then, we stopped a private car from the other side moving along the bridge and asked the

Due to the bridge, we can now save time, we can cross the river safely, we can travel at any time. We have gained a lot of benefits from the bridge. It is a tangible evidence that surrounding areas are enjoying development. The bridge has been built in less than 10 years. I think the regions will be able to enjoy greater development after 10 years."

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV VASCO DA GAMA VOYNO (125)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (125) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 25.10.08 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Weird dino rewrites the book on birds

PARIS, 24 Oct—A tiny, egg-robbing dinosaur that lived more than 150 million years ago could help explain a key phase in the evolution of birds, scientists reported on Wednesday.

In unusual language for a high-brow journal, Chinese palaeontologists admit the wee dino was, frankly, "bizarre".

The beast was a distant relative of the Tyrannosaurus rex but was no bigger than a kitten. And it was covered in feathers but couldn't fly.

The creature lived between 152 and 168 million years ago, according to analysis of its fossil, found in Daohugou in Inner Mongolia, northern China.

Dubbed Epidexipteryx hui, the mini-dino was a two-footed predator, known as a therapod, that lived in the Middle to Late Jurassic era between 152 and 168 million years ago.

It probably weighed no more than 164 grammes, or just over five ounces, and fed opportunistically on eggs it found or stole, according to the paper, which appears in the British weekly journal Nature.—Internet



A paleontologist seen in March 2008, prepares the fossils of a 66 million year-old Tyrannosaurus rex in Los Angeles. —INTERNET

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Artifacts discovery might lead to lost tribe



Pieces of the broken burial jars with human forms that were seized from antiquity smugglers near a conflict area on the southern island of Mindanao in mid-August are seen on 2 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

MANILA, 24 Oct—When Philippine police confiscated 22 bags of broken pottery from antiquity smugglers near an area where Muslim rebels operated, little did they know that they may have uncovered the remnants of a long-lost tribe.

Now, experts at the National Museum in the capital Manila are studying the burial urns from a tribe that lived in the Philippines over 2,000 years ago, in what could be a major archaeological discovery.

"The pottery has human faces that show emotions," Eusebio Dizon, head of the archaeological unit at the National Museum, told Reuters.

Dizon said that pictures of people on the shards might mean the tribe that used the vessels had different origins from the known indigenous tribes in the Philippines.—Internet

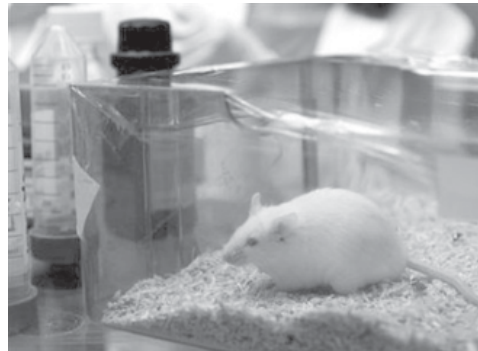
US Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama greets supporters at a campaign rally in Indianapolis, on 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET



Scientists find way to erase memories in mice

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—It seems like a movie plot, but scientists have developed a way to erase specific memories in mice while leaving others intact and not damaging the brain.

By manipulating levels of an important protein in the brain, certain memories can be selectively deleted, researchers led by neurobiologist Joe Tsien of the Medical College of Georgia reported in the journal Neuron. While some experts have suggested there could be value in erasing certain memories in people such as wartime traumas, Tsien doubted this could be done as it was in mice. Tsien also questioned the wisdom of wiping out a person's memories.—Internet



A lab mouse is seen in a file photo. INTERNET

Thirty-five confirmed dead in concealed north China mine accident

SHIJIAZHUANG, 24 Oct—Thirty-five people have been confirmed dead in a notorious coal mine accident in north China's Hebei Province that was covered up for almost three months, the local government said on Friday.

The accident happened at 8:30 am on 14 July at Lijiawa Coal Mine in Yuxian County, when explosives illegally stored in the pit ignited, killing 34 miners and a rescue worker. Most of the victims were migrants from Chongqing Municipality and Sichuan Province in the southwest, investigators said.

The mine owners hid the bodies and silenced the next of kin with cash compensation and threats. Some village and county officials also collaborated with the mine owners to cover up the tragedy, said Hu Chunhua, acting governor of Hebei Province.—Internet

Obama holds 10-point lead on McCain

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct — Democrat Barack Obama holds a 10-point lead over Republican rival John McCain in the US presidential race, according to a Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby poll released on Friday.

Obama leads McCain by 51 percent to 41 per-

cent among likely US voters in the three-day tracking poll, which has a margin of error of 2.9 points. Obama had a 12-point lead on Thursday.

The numbers marked the end of a 4-day slide for McCain, who has seen Obama's lead widen in national surveys as well as polls in many of the battleground states that will decide the November 4 election. But pollster John Zogby said the strength of Obama's support — which has grown amid increasingly dismal economic news — remained impressive.—Internet

Microsoft's first-quarter profit, sales up

LOS ANGELES, 24 Oct— Microsoft said Thursday that its fiscal first-quarter profit rose 2 percent and sales climbed 9 percent despite uncertainty over the deepening financial crisis.

In the three-month period that ended on 30 Sept, Microsoft's earnings rose to 4.37 billion dollars, or 48 cents a share, from 4.29 billion dollars, or 45 cents a share, in the same period last year. Meanwhile, its sales rose

to 15.1 billion dollars, the software giant said.

The company beat the Wall Street's expectations on both counts. Analysts predicted that Microsoft would earn 47 cents a share from the 14.8 billion dollars in sales.

Microsoft attributed the result to a 20-percent jump in sales of multiyear contracts to businesses, which helped boost revenue for Microsoft's server software group and the division that makes

Office productivity software.

The server group's profit increased 20 percent to 1.2 billion dollars, while the division responsible for Office software saw earnings jumping 23 percent to 3.3 billion dollars, according to the company.

The Windows division's profit, however, slipped 4 percent to 3.3 billion dollars due to higher marketing expenses, Microsoft said.—Internet



An employee of Samsung Electronics listens to a music at a show room of the company where LCD screens, mobile phones and MP3 are displayed in Seoul on 24 Oct, 2008.—Internet

Depression during pregnancy may cause premature birth

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Oct — Women who are depressed early in their pregnancy run a higher risk of preterm delivery, the leading cause of infant mortality, a new study suggests. For the study, researchers interviewed 791 San Francisco-area women near their 10th week of pregnancy. Forty-one percent reported "significant" symptoms of depression, and 22 percent reported "severe" symptoms.

Those women with severe symptoms had almost twice the risk of an early birth, defined as before 37 weeks' gestation. Those with

significant symptoms had a 60 percent risk of early birth, the study found.

Women who were likelier to report depressive symptoms tended to be younger than 25, unmarried, less educated, poorer, black, and have a history of preterm delivery.

Discovering a possible cause of preterm birth, about which little is known, makes the findings significant, said study lead author Dr De-Kun Li, a perinatal epidemiologist and senior research scientist at Kaiser Permanente's Division of Research in Oakland, Calif.

Scientists have been

researching for the causes of high rates of infant mortality in the United States, Li said, but, "we don't know what is going on. If we can find something as obvious as depression that can be treated during pregnancy, that is very, very significant."—Internet

Moderate quake strikes eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 24 Oct— An earthquake measuring 5.4 Richter Scale rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Friday, no damage or casualty was reported, the country's meteorology agency said here.

Danish PM says 5 elements needed for new global climate change agreement

BEIJING, 24 Oct— Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen said here on Thursday that five crucial elements would be needed for a new climate change agreement expected to be reached at the Copenhagen conference next year.

The first would be a

long-term vision for reducing global green house gas emissions by 50 percent in 2050 from the 1990 baseline, Rasmussen said at the first Chinese-Danish Climate Change Conference that opened here on Thursday.

The upcoming Conference of Parties (COP15) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen is regarded as the final opportunity to reach a new agreement before the Kyoto Protocol expires.

All industrialized countries will have to

commit to an ambitious medium-term goal, the second element, according to Rasmussen.

"Without clear commitments to reductions from the industrialized countries in a 10 to 15 year perspective, it will be difficult to achieve cost effective measures."

All countries should encourage and support innovation and disseminate low carbon technology to sustain economic development while assuring reduction in emissions with global collaborative effort, he said.—Internet

Slowing China's growth to impact Australia's economy, economist says

CANBERRA, 24 Oct— China's slowing growth will affect the Australian economy as demand for coal and iron ore fall and prices tumble, Access Economics director Chris Richardson said on Friday.

As a consequence,

the Australian government may need to run a deficit budget temporarily, he told ABC Radio.

"The problem for Australia, as markets fall, share markets, property values fall in China and its

construction weakens off, that's weakening the demand for steel," he said.

"Australia's risk is that we sell the inputs that become Chinese steel, coking coal and the iron ore."

Internet

Greek dig unearths Neolithic household gear

ATHENS, 24 Oct— A 6,000 year-old set of household gear, including crockery and two wood-fired ovens, has been found in the buried ruins of a prehistoric farmhouse in northern Greece, officials said Thursday. A Culture Ministry statement said the discovery "provides invaluable, unique information" on late Neolithic domestic architecture and household organization.

"This is a very rare case where the remains have stayed undisturbed by farming or other external intervention for about 6,000 years," the ministry statement said. "The household goods are in excellent condition."

The rectangular building, which covers some 624 square feet, was discovered



In this undated handout photo provided by the Greek Ministry of Culture on 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

during work to lay water pipes earlier this year at the village of Sosandra near Aridaia, some 360 miles north of Athens.

Archaeologists who excavated the site between March and July found a large number of clay vessels for cooking and eating, stone tools, mills for grinding cereals and two ovens. The house was separated into three rooms.

It had walls made of branches and reeds covered with clay, supported by strong wooden posts. The building was destroyed by fire, which baked the clay, preserving impressions of the wooden building elements, as well as the postholes.—Internet



Pakistan's tribesmen look at belongings in the house that they said was hit by suspected US missile strikes on the outskirts of Pakistan's tribal area of Miran Shah along Afghanistan border on 23 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Troubled Kuranyi leads Schalke on cruise past PSG



Schalke's striker Kevin Kuranyi applauds the supporters after the UEFA Cup football match of FC Schalke 04 against Paris Saint Germain in Gelsenkirchen, western Germany.—INTERNET

GELSENKIRCHEN, 24 Oct—Troubled German international Kevin Kuranyi inspired Schalke 04 to an easy 3-1 UEFA Cup victory over Paris Saint Germain here Thursday.

The striker, kicked off the national team for

walking out on Joachim Loew's squad after a recent World Cup qualifier, scored one and set up another as Schalke ruthlessly put their visitors to the sword.

"We're a little disappointed by the result and by the way it happened," said PSG coach Paul le Guen. "We had chances at the start of the match and had the opportunity to equalise.

"We're going to have to fight to qualify, but we knew we were not going to fly through this group.

"Just look at the quality of the teams in the group," Le Guen said of his team's other UEFA rivals Manchester City, FC Twente and Racing Santander.—*Internet*

More misery for Ramos as Spurs suffer Euro crash



Udinese's Serbian defender Aleksandar Lukovic (L) and teammate Maurizio Domizzi (C) fight for the ball with Tottenham's midfielder Jermaine Jenas during their UEFA cup group D match in Udine.—INTERNET

UDINE, 24 Oct—Tottenham boss Juande Ramos was left clinging desperately to his job on Thursday after watching his struggling side crash to a 2-0 UEFA Cup defeat at Udinese. Spurs, rock-bottom of the Premier League without a win this season, also finished this opening Group D clash with 10 men after Jamie O'Hara was red-carded just before the hour mark.

"I'm very angry because I don't like to lose," said Ramos whose side have collected just two points in the Premier League this season.

"We lost this match

and now we have to win matches to qualify for the next stage."

Udinese, second in Serie A behind defending champions Inter Milan, were ahead after 24 minutes when Tottenham goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes brought down Fabio Quagliarella inside the area as he fumbled Benoit Assou-Ekotto's backpass.

Antonio Di Natale coolly scored from the penalty spot.

O'Hara's dismissal, for successive fouls on Alexis Sanchez, only added to Spurs' problems and they were under the cosh for the remainder of the tie. Udinese substitute Simone Pepe, who had replaced Sanchez in the 79th minute, added the second goal four minutes from the end when he slotted a pass from Quagliarella beyond Gomes. Spurs' England centre-half Jonathan Woodgate was so dismayed at his team's performance that he admitted relegation was a real worry.—*Internet*



Aston Villa's English midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker (R) vies with Ajax's Belgian defender Jan Vertonghen during their UEFA Cup group F football match at Villa Park, Birmingham.—INTERNET

Barry on song as Villa edge Ajax

BIRMINGHAM, 24 Oct—Aston Villa thanked England man Gareth Barry for the winner on Thursday as he clinched a 2-1 opening UEFA Cup group match victory over fellow former European champions Ajax.

Villa coach Martin O'Neill had already put one over the Dutch in the Champions League during his time at Celtic and here he saw Barry add to Martin Laursen's opener to sandwich an Ajax reply through Thomas Vermaelen.—*Internet*



Germany midfielder Torsten Frings (left) and teammate Michael Ballack celebrate after the Euro 2008 Championships quarter-final victory against Portugal in Basel, Switzerland, June 2008.—INTERNET

Frings backs Ballack in war-of-words with Loew

BERLIN, 24 Oct—Germany midfielder Torsten Frings on Thursday backed national team captain Michael Ballack in his war of words with coach Joachim Loew and has again criticised the team's trainer.

"It is Ballack's right as captain to express himself freely, he only wants the best for the team," Frings, who was dropped by Loew for the World Cup qualifier wins over Russia and Wales, told German television channel Premiere. "One should think sometimes about the reasons why experienced players get so excited.—*Internet*



Japan's surfer Akiko Kiyonaga performs in the inaugural Asian Beach Games woman's surfing competition in Kuta on the resort island of Bali.—INTERNET

Newcastle's Owen out of Tyne-Wear derby

NEW CASTLE, 24 Oct—Newcastle captain Michael Owen has been ruled out of Sunday's Tyne-Wear derby away to north-east rivals Sunderland because of a groin strain the England striker suffered in training last week.

Newcastle caretaker manager Joe Kinnear told the struggling Premier League club's official website here on Thursday: "Michael, unfortunately, will not be fit in time for Sunderland and, of course, that's a blow to lose a striker of his calibre."

Kinnear added the former Liverpool and Real Madrid forward, whose career at St James' Park has been interrupted



Newcastle United's England striker Michael Owen is pictured during the Premier League match against Chelsea at St James' Park in Newcastle, May 2008.

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by several injuries, was also unlikely to play in the home match against West Brom on October 28.

"I think Tuesday's game against West Brom will also come too soon so Aston Villa in 10 days time is now the target."

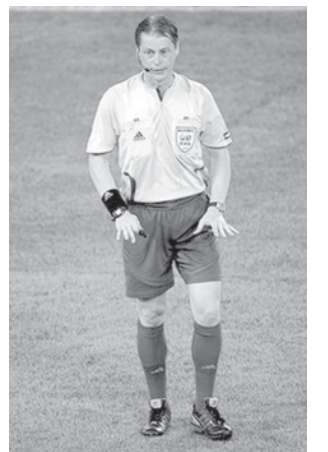
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Slovak referee Michel ends career over injury

PRAGUE, 24 Oct—Slovak referee Lubos Michel, who was in charge of the 2008 Champions League final between Manchester United and Chelsea, has decided to retire for personal and health reasons, the Slovak Football Association said on Thursday. The 40-year-old underwent Achilles tendon surgery after long-standing problems, which ruled him out for last week's World Cup qualifier between Belgium and Spain.

The referee, whose international career started in 1994, took part in the Euro 2008 despite a planned three-month break due to health problems, after appearances at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups.

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Slovak referee Lubos Michel, seen here in June 2008 and who was in charge of the 2008 Champions League final between Manchester United and Chelsea, has decided to retire for personal and health reasons, the Slovak Football Association said on Thursday.

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Nadal insists Argentina are Davis Cup favourites

OYIEDO, 24 Oct—Spain's world number one Rafael Nadal insisted on Thursday that Argentina will be favourites when the two nations clash in the Davis Cup final Mar del Plata from 21-23 November.

"When you play away from home, your opponents are always favourites," said Nadal.

"History shows that when you play the Davis Cup at home, it allows you to considerably improve your chances of winning."

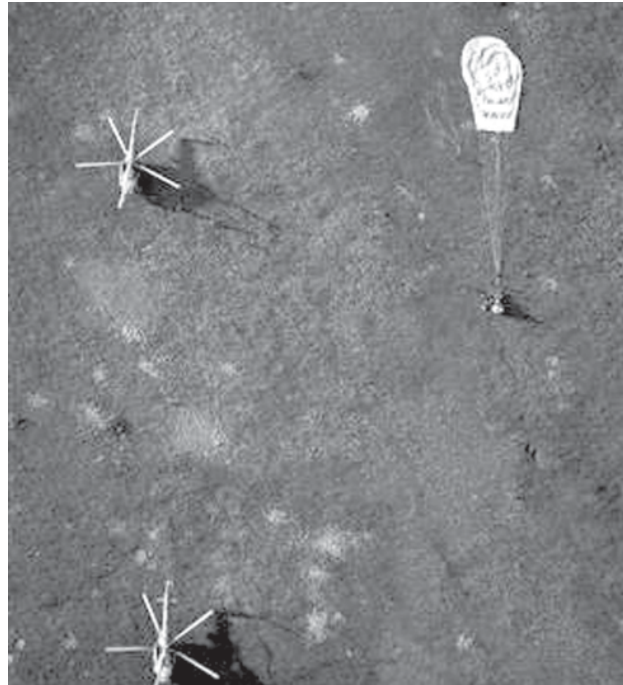
Spain have won the Davis Cup on two occasions while Argentina have lost both finals in which they have appeared.

However, this will be the first time they have staged the title match.—*Internet*

US space tourist returns to Earth

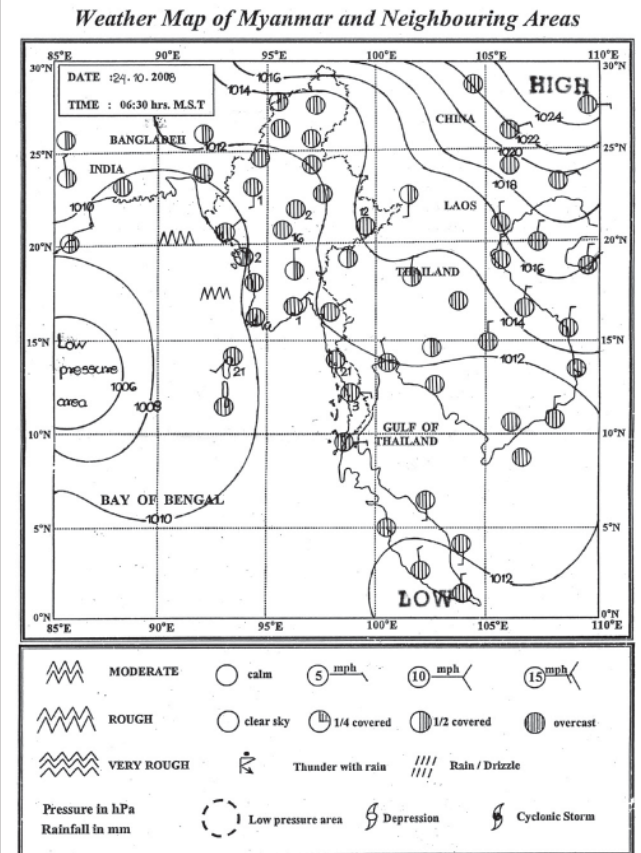
NEAR ARKALYK (Kazakhstan), 24 Oct —A Soyuz capsule carrying a US space tourist and two Russians bumped down safely in Kazakhstan on Friday, ending a string of mishaps on previous landings that have raised concerns about its safety.

"I feel great. I feel very good. Re-entry was perfectly smooth," a smiling Richard Garriott, who paid \$35 million (22 million pounds) for his 12-day journey into space, told Reuters after a Russian recovery team extracted him from the capsule. Charred black from its fiery re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, the craft slowed its descent with a large parachute and fired special gunpowder engines to cushion its landing. It came to rest in a puff of dust in a field 80 km (50 miles) north of the town of Arkalyk at 4:36 am. British time as planned. A NASA Television live feed from a mission control centre in Moscow described it as a flawless on-target landing. Its success was a relief for Russian and US officials who have been worried about the landings after the capsule malfunctioned twice over the past year, subjecting crews to dangerous "ballistic" re-entries. —Internet



A Russian Soyuz space capsule carrying cosmonauts Sergei Volkov and Oleg Kononenko and US space tourist Richard Garriott lands not far from the the Kazakh town of Arkalyk in northern Kazakhstan on 24 Oct, 2008.

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WEATHER

Friday, 24 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Kayin, Mon States and Yangan Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.47)inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygone) (0.75)inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (1.06)inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Takone) (0.83)inch, Yamethin (3.46)inches, Taungdwingyi (2.60)inches, Heho (2.24)inches, Taunggyi (1.73)inches and Pinyinmana (1.41)inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2008 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-10-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 23-10-2008 was (5.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-10-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.04)inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (102.56) inches at Mingaladon, (112.99) inches at Kaba-Aye and (132.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (9:30) hours MST on 24-10-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (09:30)hrs MST today, a low pressure areas over West-Central Bay still persists. Weather is cloudy in the West Central Bay and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 25th October 2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah and Kachin States. Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Mon, Kayin, Rakhine and Chin States, Lower Sagaing Division, scattered in the Shan State and Upper Sagaing Division and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of October 2008: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Photo exhibition to show the face of war in Georgia and South Ossetia

Moscow, 24 Oct — Photos taken by RIA Novosti photojournalists during the five-day conflict between Georgia and the breakaway republic of South Ossetia will go on display at a photo exhibition in Moscow.

Tbilisi launched a military attack against Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetia on August 8 in an effort to regain control over the separatist republic. The attack

forced Russia to send troops into the region. Approximately 1,600 South Ossetians were killed in the fighting, and thousands more were forced to flee the region.

The exhibition, entitled 'Nature Habitat' will open on 29 October in Russia's Contemporary History Museum in Moscow and last until 9 November.

Internet

Midwest high school copes with HIV scare

NORMANDY (Missouri), 24 Oct— Students at a suburban St Louis high school headed to the gymnasium for HIV testing this week after an infected person told health officials as many as 50 teenagers might have been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS.

Officials refused to give details on who the person was or how the students at Normandy High School might have been exposed, but the district is consulting with national AIDS organizations as it tries to minimize the fallout and prevent the infection — and misinformation — from spreading.

"There's potential for stigma for all students regardless of whether they're positive or negative," Normandy School District spokesman Doug Hochstedler said on Thursday.

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Saturday, 25 October
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
- 5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:05 am
- 6. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am
- 7. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
- 8. International news
- 8:40 am
- 9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
- 3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း ပြည်တွင်းသတင်း
- 12:15 pm
- 4. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်
- 12:40 pm
- 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေမေမေတ္တာကုသေကုသေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 1:25 pm
- 6. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးရှားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

- 2:10 pm
- 7. Growing up in adverse situations
- 2:45 pm
- 8. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial songs
- 4:10 pm
- 2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Song of national races
- 4:30 pm
- 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
- 5. Songs to uphold National Spirits
- 4:50 pm
- 6. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
- 7. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်

- 5:20 pm
- 8. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
- 5:30 pm
- ၉. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 12. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
- 13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:10 pm
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သယောဇဉ်နောင်ကြီး" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်စစ်ရှာဖွေခြင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁)

Cooperation with United Nations cornerstone of Myanmar's Foreign Policy

Secretary-1 addresses ceremony to mark 63rd Anniversary of the United Nations Day



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary of the United Nations Day.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary of the United Nations Day was held at the City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw at 9.30 a.m today, addressed by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi

Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Tran Van Tung and ambassadors and their wives, charges d' affaires of embassies, Resident Coordi-

nator of the UN System Mr Bishow Parajuli, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies, winners of the 63rd Anniversary of the United Nations Day commemorative basic education level essay and painting competitions and guests.

First, the Secretary-1 delivered an address. He said: it is a great honour

and pleasure for me to commemorate the sixty-third anniversary of the United Nations Day, as it was always in the previous years. Since its inception 63 years ago, the United Nations has been leading the world as stipulated in the Charter by adhering steadfastly to its noble purposes and principles in operating its main tasks of maintaining international peace and security, as well as promoting international cooperation in economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields.

Since Myanmar joined the United Nations in 1948, right after its independence, we have been participating in various activities of the organization and we would like to reaffirm Myanmar's continued support to the United Nations in the future.

May I now take this opportunity to apprise you of the recent political developments in Myanmar. We have achieved some significant progress in recent months as positive outcome of the implementation of seven-

step road map to democracy. After the successful conclusion of the National Convention in September last year, which is the first step of our seven-step road map to democracy, the national referendum on the draft constitution was held in May 2008. It is paving the way for the fifth step of the seven-step road map which calls for multi-party general elections in 2010. The Government will spare no efforts for conducting the 2010 elections to be free and fair.

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Chindwin Bridge linking Sagaing Division and Chin State

Article by Zaw Win (Kyemon)

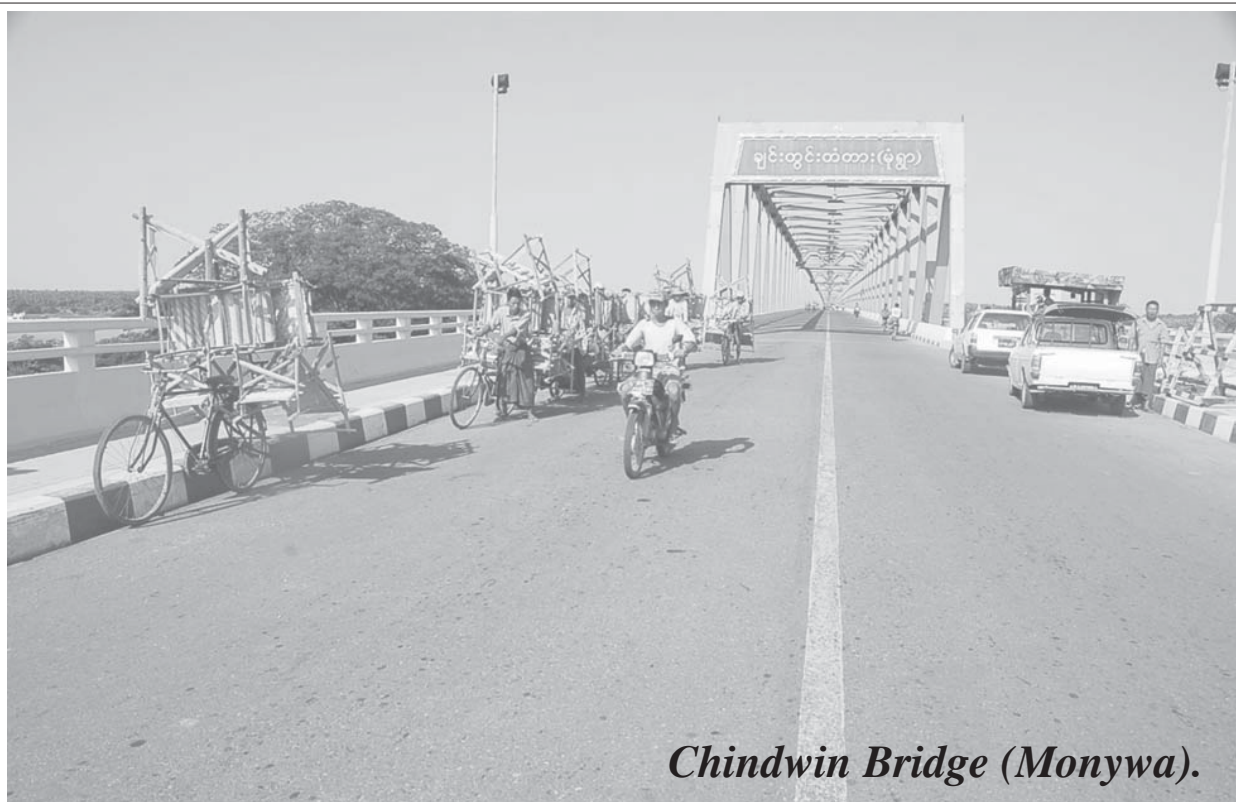
Photos by Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Today, tasks for all-round development of the nation are gathering momentum. The tasks have begun to yield fruits in the social, economic, education and health sectors.

We members of a media team from the (Kyemon) Daily on 19 October made a trip to the western region in Monywa District. Just as we had passed the bend of the approach road Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road, the magnificent facility appeared in our view.

Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) Project was launched on 9 December 2000, and it was completed on 7 April 2003.

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Chindwin Bridge (Monywa).